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1. AT AUGUST 20 PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLOSE OF ONE DAY VISIT TO UAE,
ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN MAHMOUD RIAD HAD LITTLE TO ADD TO WHAT
ALREADY REPORTED IN REF A. HE SAID HE HAD MET WITH UAE PRESIDENT
SHAIKH ZAYID AT LATTER'S DESERT RETREAT AT KHAZNA TO DISCUSS CURRENT
ARAB SITUATION AND AGENDA OF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING SCHE-
DULED TO BE HELD IN KHARTOUM ON SEPTEMBER 12. RIAD ALSO SAID THAT

OTHER ISSUES, PARTICULARLY SITUATION IN LEBANON, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.

2. RIAD RECONFIRMED THAT UAE WAS ONE OF FIVE ARAB STATES WHICH HAS AGREED TO ATTEND SEPTEMBER 12 ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING. HOSEVER, HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ENOUGH APPROVALS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO CONVENE COULCIL MEETING WHICH LEFT IMPRESSION THAT COUNCIL MEETING MAY NOT IN FACT TAKE PLACE. TO A QUESTION, RIAD RULED OUT CONVENING AN ARAB SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE SUMMIT MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE "BECAUSE THE DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST." HE ALSO NOTED THAT NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE SO FAR TO THIS END BUT THE SUBJECT IS TO BE DECIDED BY PRESIDENT NUMAIRI, CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, WHO WILL, IF A DECISION IS TAKEN, SET THE DATE AND VENUE OF SUCH A SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
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